

even a peculiar treasure: and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." How blessed it is to know that God cares about our thoughts, that he is interested in what we talk with one another, and the things which occupy our minds are precious in his sight. It was recorded in a book of remembrance that these saints thought and talked of holy things. Should that not be an inspiration to lofty thinking and upright conversation?

What an intensely practical lesson of right conversation and pure thinking this Scripture contains, and what a lovely thought of meditation and holy speaking is found therein. Few indeed appreciate the dignity of conversation. It is regarded lightly whereas it should be considered as an art, a faculty to be cultivated and perfected. It may be a power to wound hearts, to estrange friends and even to corrupt character. Or it may be a gracious, healing influence upon human hearts and a power productive of purity and intellectual strength. The highest ideals and kindest thoughts should prompt all we say and for the ordinary street talk and idle gossip we should have no ears. There are people who, as John Ruskin aptly says, "are content to gossip with the housemaid and stable boy when they might be in the company of kings and queens." Meaning that we should never descend to the menial conversation that suffices for those of low desires and ambitions. Rather let us make every word glow with a loftiness of spirit and a purity of thought that our conversation like our conduct will compel men to see the Christ-life reproduced in us. If, like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, we conversed of the wonderful works of God, might we not in truth entertain the Christ? He is ever present where hearts are turned toward holy things. The reward of such companionship would be the "burning heart" which God imparts to such as love the eternal in life.

There is a saying as old as our grandmothers, "Talk about angels and you will hear the rustle of their wings." The sentence has perhaps become so common as to have lost its significance. But in a very real sense angels surround us if we think of them. We grow into the likeness of our ideal. Every thought leaves its impress upon our character and even upon our countenance. We cannot fully grasp the glorious mystery. We cannot understand perfectly how thought works its influence upon us nor how Bible study, prayer and spiritual meditation produce in us the transformation they do. But we know that their influence is actual and really recognized. The "golden whatsoevers" of St. Paul in his Epistle to the Philippians bear to us the lesson in a manner of unsurpassing beauty. It is a very natural thing for the pure in heart to see God. They could not be otherwise. By reason of their own unapproachable purity they cannot be touched by that which is unclean and evil. Vice has no allurements for them because they have the strength of virtue. They have no affinity for the unholy because their affections are fixed on things heavenly. There is a beautiful lily native to the hills of Pennsylvania and the plant is often found growing near the openings of mines. The flower's petals are marvelously waxen so that the foul black dust from the coal cannot adhere to them. No matter how black its surroundings the lily stands out in perfect whiteness. So are the pure minded. The evil of the world is foreign to their souls and cannot find lodgment there. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer."

#### Ashland College

The studious spirit seems to possess most of the students, that fever so often prevalent in the early Spring being as yet absent.

The weather may account for part of the above. Last week was varied by sunshine, rain, snow, hail and wind storms, making it more pleasant indoors than out.

Prof. C. O. Witter has a large class in botany. To study critically under a competent teacher the harmony, symmetry, and beauty of nature as she puts on her robe of green and sends forth her lovely flowers is no slight privilege.

A. H. Lichty returned Monday morning from a conference at Athens, Ohio, for Y. M. C. A. presidents. He reports a very helpful assembly of wide-awake workers. He will give a short report and E. D. Burnworth will deliver an address at our Y. M. C. A. service next Sunday afternoon.

Attendance at our Sunday school ranges from 75 to 90 members. At the Spring election of officers, Prof. C. O. Witter was re-elected superintendent, J. L. Hamilton was chosen assistant superintendent and Ethel Murray, secretary.

Tho you do not hear from Prof. L. L. Garber very often, could you be here, he would be found laboring day by day without ceasing, lending a helping hand wherever opportunity offers itself.

On last Sunday Prof. W. D. Furry preached in Pittsburg. Altho tired at the close of the week from his labors as a professor in Ashland college and as a student in Chicago University and as a worker in our Y. M. C. A. and as a leader of the Student Volunteer Mission Band, and also of the Campaign movement just begun, yet whenever a call comes for help, this busy man responds with, "Here am I, send me."

Wm. Beachler filled his regular appointment at Miamasburg, last Sunday. E. D. Burnworth at Glenford, Alvin Byers at Louisville, H. M. Oberholzer at Mansfield, D. F. Eikenberry at Williams-town and J. E. Braker at Buckeye City. Each Saturday morning sees a number of men going out to labor in the field that is white unto harvest. Do not our people realize that her only hope is thru her educational institution? Then let her rally to its support with her young men and her money.

Frank B. Yoder has taken in charge the work at South Bend. He reports a large Junior Society and that all the work is promising.

The regular C. E. meeting was led by Miss Grace Switzer. About fifty were present, and service was of special interest. I would that young people in every church over the brotherhood might realize the help and inspiration to be derived from a well-planned, rousing Christian Endeavor service.

At the Y. M. C. A. service on Sunday afternoon novel and interesting addresses were given by Harvey Holsinger, Clarence Shock, and Marcus Witter. The subject was, "Will My Bank Fail," considering in order "The Banker," "The Promise to Pay," and "The Assets." At the close, Herbert Goughnour sang impressively, "I Love to Hear My Savior's Voice."

In College Chapel on Sunday morning, Prof. J. A. Miller preached a powerful sermon on "Man", taking for his text the first three chapters of Genesis. It is not too much to call it powerful both in its instruction and its revelation or interpretation as you may choose to call it. The man who tries to interpret the above text literally will get into a sea of trouble long before he gets thru with it. God made man in His own image, gave him a moral nature, destined him to be happy here, the last of which many people do not believe. God placed necessary limitations on the powers given us. The serpent and the apple and so forth are not to be taken literally. Yielding to the temptation by Adam and Eve and the shame and hiding that followed means that they had transgressed limitations and that moral consciousness had dawned upon them. The guilty try to hide them-

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selves, as if God could not see and know all. There was a casting out but with it a promise of a return, thru one who would bruise the serpent's head. He came. What we lost thru the fall, we have regained a thousand times in Christ. It is not in my power thru these few words to inspire you with a longing to live a higher life as Prof. Miller did inspire us in his eloquent exaltation of man's God-given powers both of body and of soul.

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